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SUBJECT : RAJSHAHI UNIVERSITY HEAD MAZHARUL ISLAM TO VISIT
EAST-WEST CENTER/HONOLULU AND UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

1. DR. MAZHARUL ISLAM, VICE CHANCELLOR RAJSHAHI UNIVERSITY (FULBRIGHT 1961, IVP 1973) INVITED TO ATTEND EAST WEST CENTER LEADERSHIP STRATEGY WORKSHOP JUNE 30 - JULY 4 ALL EXPENSES PAID. DR. ISLAM PLANS APART DACCA JUNE 27 FOR HONOLULU.

2. CONCOMITANT WITH E-W CENTER PROGRAM, DR. MAZHARUL ISLAM OF DACCA VERY RECENTLY RECEIVED INVITATION FROM UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA TO VISIT THERE BEFORE BEGINNING EW PROGRAM OR AFTER JULY 13, TO DISCUSS FUTURE UNIVERSITY TO UNIVERSITY EXCHANGES (FYI: PROF DAVID KOPF OF UNIV OF MINN WILL BE ASSOCIATED WITH BANGLADESH STUDIES INSTITUTE OF RAJSHAHI UNIVERSITY ON FORD GRANT 1975-76). MINNESOTA INVITATION INCLUDES TRANSPORTATION HONOLULU-MINNESOTAA-HONOLULU.

3. EMBASSY VIGOROUSLY SUPPORTS PROSPECTIVE INSTITUTIONAL EXCHANGES PER CPP AND BELIEVES THIS CONTACT BETWEEN RAJSHAHI AND MINNESOTA POTENTIALLY A GOOD ONE. HOWEVER TWO PROBLEMS ARE INVOLVED IN DR. ISLAM'S ACCEPTANCE OF MINNESOTA INVITATION: A. DUE COMMITMENTS OF JOB HE UNABLE TRAVEL MINNESOTA BEFORE EW PROGRAM, AND THERE IS 9 DAY HBIATUS BETWEEN END OF EW CENTER SEMINAR AND ALTERNATE CONFERENCE DATE OF JULY 14 AT MINNESOTA; B. ONCE IN MINNESOTA DR. ISLAM WOULD PREFER TO RETURN DACCA BY WAY ATLANTIC.

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4. REFERRING TO PROBLEM A. OF PARA 3, CONCERNING TIME GAP.

CAN EW PROVIDE EXTRA WEEK OF USEFUL VISIT FOR DR. ISLAM BEFORE HE CONTINUES ON TO MINNESOTA? OR COULD DR. ISLAM VISIT SOUTH ASIAN AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT AT BERKLEY? IN EITHER CASE SOME PERDIEM ASSISTANCE WILL BE NECESSARY.

5. REFERRING TO PROBLEM OF RETURN TO DACCA, WOULD EW CENTER AND MINN. INIVERSITY BE WILLING TO APPLY THEIR RETURN TRAVEL PORTION TO PERMIT DR. ISLAM RETURN VIA ALTANTIC FROM MINNEOPOLIS? THERE SHOULD BE NO COST DIFFERENCE.

6. BECAUSE OF URGENT NEED FOR EARLY ANSWER AND COMMUNICATION DIFFICULTIES EMBASSY ASKS CU TO PASS INFORMATION OF PARA 2,3,4 AND 5 OF THIS MESSAGE TO DEPUTY CHANCELLOR BROWNELIL OF EAST WEST CENTER, HONOLULU AND TO WILLIAM WRIGHT, ASSOCIATE TO THE VICE PRESIDENT, UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA.
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